

Nebraskans on Relief Rolls May Get Higher Payments in October

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LINCOLN—Some Nebraskans on relief rolls will get higher payments from the state October 1. The Board of Control, which handles the state's welfare program, approved raises up to 10 per cent, based on need, for those recipients not now getting the maximum allowable under the law.

To be affected will be about 11,600 persons, the board estimates. Total hike is \$553,743 in state and county funds during the remaining 9 months of the current biennium.

The board said it is studying the maximum payments to see if they are realistic with the possible idea of recommending changes to the 1961 Legislature.

Now, state laws says the aged may receive only \$70 per month, the blind \$100, disabled \$65, and \$100 for the mother and first child under the aid to dependent children program. The next three children get \$15 each and \$10 each is paid in relief for each child after four.

The increase is the first for the needy since December, 1958.

The board emphasized those getting maximum payments now or who are in nursing homes, will not get any of the boosts. Only the Legislature can change the maximum payments.

Hikes as approved by the board will go to more than 8,000 aged, 533 blind recipients, 779 persons who are disabled and to 944 family units which have 2,229 children.

Voter Lists

The list of those registered to vote in an election, by state law, is open to inspection by the public.

Paul Quinlan, of Secretary of State Frank Marshall's office, said he has received many inquiries as to whether the public has access to the names of registered voters.

State law, Quinlan said, provides that in towns in which voter registration is required, it is the duty of the registration clerk to post in a conspicuous place in his office, the names of those who appear on the books as qualified voters.

The question has come up because of interest this year in getting out the vote for the November general election.

Agriculture

State Agriculture Director Pearle Finigan says one of the failings of agriculture in the past has been its inability to maintain its markets.

"This," Finigan says, "was caused primarily by a lack of imagination and aggressive research programs."

He made the comment in announcing the Agricultural Products Research committee has authorized a firm in Wisconsin to start three research projects, each to last a year, on the use of agricultural starches in the paper industry.

Total cost of the work will be an estimated \$69,000, Finigan reported.

The announcement came after reports that Nebraska's crop production this year will come close to breaking records and that there will be a shortage of space to store the crops.

Farm Storage

Farmers who do not build storage facilities for the 1960 milo crop may lose 30 to 40 cents a hundred pounds by selling on the open market.

That's the opinion of representatives of state and federal agricultural agencies, feed and grain dealers, railroads and storage suppliers.

All agreed at an informal meeting in Lincoln that the situation is extremely critical.

They said most elevators in the state are not able to take a single load of grain and farmers should consider making space available on their farms either by new construction or remodeling existing buildings.

Board of Control

There is controversy again in the Board of Control, which governs state institutions.

This time is concerns the educational program at the institutions, formerly headed by Dr. Vernon Hungate who resigned some time ago effective September 1, for a college position in Colorado.

Hungate charged that adequate administration and supervision of educational programs by a Board of Control is "outmoded and inefficient."

He said he hopes the Legislature "will change this system which permits politics, friendship or personal bias to enter educational relationships with handicapped children, juvenile delinquents or any state wards."

Hungate continued that the board would not ask the State Department of Education for help in evaluating programs at the institutions to lead to some type of approval of what is being taught. The board's attitude, he added, indicates it is not particularly

desirous of "maintaining their educational programs on a par with those in Nebraska Public Schools."

He had praise for Charles Leeman, board chairman, but none for Vice Chairman, Harold Peterson and Mrs. Ethel Kirwin, a member.

The board, Hungate said, should welcome active cooperation with other state departments but this has not always been the case. He said only 6 of the board's educational programs have the approval of the State Education Department and 7 do not.

Page News

By Mrs. Ben Asher

A family reunion was held in the Grove Lake park, Aug. 23 in honor of A. J. Bernard L. Terrill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terrill of Guthrie Center, Ia., formerly of Page. He has been attending school in San Antonio and Dayton, Ohio. He left Des Moines, Ia., Monday, Aug. 29 and will be overseas about fifteen months.

Those attending the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Ott Terrill and Marilyn, Mrs. Alma Tegler, Mrs. Celia Terrill, Mr. and Mrs. Beech Lamb of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Terrill and Kimberly, David Terrill, Hall of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Parsons, Bradley and Beverly of Denver, Colo.

Leonard Barton of Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terrill and Bernard of Guthrie Center, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Terrill, Cindy and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Larson, Craig, Denise, and Pamela of Storm Lake, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. John Spence, Michael, Joel, Maria, and Trisa of Wichita, Kan., Mrs. Carroll Newburn of Oakdale, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strope, Roger and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Strope, Jerry and Lyle of Orchard.

Margie Finch spent one day last week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Waring. They drove out to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holliday and the Kenneth Heiss family in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ivan Heiss and Mrs. Merwyn French sr. entertained relatives Sunday in honor of their daughters and families at the French home. The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dorr, Caroline, David and Brian of Lapeer, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frels and Douglas of Hershey and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and son, Mark of Lincoln. Other relatives were Mr. and Mrs. D. Heiss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Richard Heiss and sons, Myrna, Ronnie and Dyle Heiss, Elmer Saltz and Pamela and Debra Price of Lincoln, nieces of Joe Price.

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given on the Orchard Junior fair.

Tom Melcher showed some pictures and it was decided when the next meeting would be. 4-H safety pledge cards were handed out. Lunch was served by Mrs. Melcher. Next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 8 with Ivan Heiss.

Tom Melcher, reporter

HAPPY HELPERS

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club met at the Methodist Church basement at 8 p.m. on August 24 for their achievement program. About 25 members and quite a few parents attended.

The program was opened by Janet Speits who led the flag salute. Then everyone sang Amer-

ica The Beautiful. A. J. Snyder showed some slides about salads. After the trio sang two songs, three demonstrations were given.

General leader Mrs. Milnar gave the following members their demonstration ribbons from the fair: Red-Dorothy Conway, Diane Sindelar, Francis Eppenbach, Ann Johnson, Kathy Perry, Startyn

Robinson; White-Patty Hand, Margaret Conway, Patsy McKay, and Laveda Philbrick.

In junior food judging, the following members won ribbons: Linda Hunt-Blue, Laveda Philbrick, Red, Francis Eppenbach and Patsy McKay tied for white. In junior clothing judging, Patsy Davidson received a blue

ribbon. In senior clothing judging the following were given ribbons: Judy Milnar-Blue, Mary Etta Perry-Red, and Yours Truly-white.

4-H pins were given to all members who had completed a project and handed in their record

books. Plans were made for the next meeting to be held October 11 at the court house annex. New officers will be elected then. After the program a lunch was served. Conale Johnson, reporter



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